ATTACHMENT A
Remarks

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

As an initial point, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 should be entered as the amendment makes the language of the claims more commensurate with the arguments presented in the previously filed responses. Moreover, the amendment to claim 1, which merely involves inserting - - physical - - before "location variable," does not raise new issues for consideration, and no additional prior art search need be conducted as the previous prior art search would have covered the subject matter now recited in the amended claims. This is in accordance with MPEP § 900 which states, in part, that the prior art search should be conducted by the Examiner after obtaining a thorough understanding of the invention disclosed and claimed including the inventive concept towards which the claims appear to be directed. The features now recited in the independent claims were disclosed in the application as filed. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 900, all elements of the currently pending claims have been searched and considered and thus the amendment does not raise new issues for consideration. Finally, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to the claims places the application in proper condition for allowance, serves in providing a complete application file history, enhances the clarity of the prosecution record, and places the claims in better condition for appeal. Therefore, for entrance of the amendment after final is proper.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Peng U.S. Patent No. 6,738,766. In reply to the arguments presented in the response filed on October 21, 2004, the Examiner argues that Peng teaches a location variable, citing Peng, column 4, line 65 through column 5, line 7. Further, the Examiner alleges that the name of the selected application is a location or URL, citing Figure 2b.

It is respectfully submitted that Peng does not teach a location as one of three or more variables associated with an identifier, as claimed. The URL associated with the "Name" is not the location of the file but a search query which the search engine will use to locate the file. This will be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art from the form of the "Name" being "http/www.doongo.com/app/cgi/appserv?appname="[filename]"." Clearly this is a Java script search query and is in no way is a location.

In order to even more clearly distinguish the present invention from Peng, claims 1, 11 and 14 have been amended to recite that at least one of the variables is a physical location variable. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification as filed, including the drawing figures which list examples of physical locations as home, living room, kitchen, etc.

It is respectfully submitted that Peng fails to teach or suggest a location, let alone a physical location associated with an identifier.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-21 are not anticipated by Peng, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

END REMARKS

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for storing and retrieving data, comprising:

an identifier including three or more variables for identifying each data stored in said system, wherein one of said at least three or more variables is a physical location variable.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein one of said three or more variables is a device identification variable.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further includes a timestamp for prioritizing said data.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said system includes a registry for storing said data.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein said registry is provided in a database structure.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said three or more variables includes a device identification variable, an application identification variable and a user identification variable.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, further including a timestamp for prioritizing data.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said system includes a registry and said registry includes a database structure for storing said data.

11. (Currently Amended) A registry for storing and retrieving preference data, comprising:

an identifier including at least three variables for identifying a data stored in said registry, wherein one of said at least three or more variables is a physical location variable.

12. (Original) The registry of claim 11, further comprising a means for providing a floating value to said at least three variables.

13. (Original) The registry means of claim 12, further comprising a means for associating a time stamp to said data.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for storing and retrieving data in a system, comprising the steps of:

identifying each stored data in said system by an identifier including three or more variables, wherein one of said at least three or more variables is a physical location variable.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of storing data in a registry.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein one of said three or more variables is a device identification variable.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 16, further including the step of time stamping said data for prioritizing said data.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, further including the step of filling one of said variables with a wildcard.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 18, further including the step of deleting one or more data items that has been superseded by a subsequent data having same identifier but a higher time stamp value.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 19, wherein said registry is provided in a database structure.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for storing and retrieving data as in claim 1 wherein said location comprised the locating a device.